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RE YOUR TELEPHONIC QUERY, AMBASSADOR BEFORE HIS SEPTEMBER 10 LUNCH WITH SPEAKER OF KNESSET SHOULD KNOW THAT CUSTOM IS FOR PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS VISITING CONGRESS TO PAY THEIR OWN WAY AND MAKE THEIR OWN TRAVEL AND HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS, JUST AS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS DO WHEN VISITING FOREIGN PARLIAMENTS. CONGRESS CUSTOMARILY GIVES LUNCH OR RECEPTION FOR VISITING DELEGATION, AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS SOMETIMES GIVE PRIVATE DINNERS. WHEN INVITATION IS IN NAME OF CONGRESS AND NOT A PARTICULAR COMMITTEE, ASSUMPTION IS THAT VISITING DELEGATION WILL BE BROAD CROSS-SECTION OF FOREIGN PARLIAMENT, COMPRISING MEMBERS OF WIDE VARIETY OF ITS COMMITTEES. SIZE OF DELEGATION IS UP TO FOREIGN PARLIAMENT. REGARDING THIS VISIT. THE ISRAELI EMBASSY HERE IS IN CONTACT WITH THE SPEAKERS' OFFICE. SIZE OF DELEGATION DISCUSSED HAS BEEN IN TERMS OF A DOZEN MEMBERS OF THE KNESSET WITH NO AGREED UPON DATE. THE TIMING OF THE VISIT WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED FOR EARLY OCTOBER APPEARS

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TO BE SLIPPING TO A MORE MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME, EARLY

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